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The (Joseph) Cory House
633 Bloomfield Avenue
West Caldwell, Essex County, New Jersey

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
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Historic American Buildings Survey
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MR. HERBERT E. BOECKEL, WHO HAS MOVED THE BUILDING

Owner: Misses Josephine and Sarah Mahon

Date of Erection: Before 1766

Architect:

Builder: Joseph Cory

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame
construction, clapboards

Interior walls - plaster
on lath

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch, wood
shingles

Historical Data:

There is no record of the date when this house was built; but on a copy of an old map made by Thomas Ball in 1764 for the Newark Mountain Purchase Claim, a house is shown at this location, and from this it is reasonable to assume that the

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original part was built before 1766.

The first owner of the property was Joseph Cory, who acquired it by deed for one hundred fifty pounds, six shillings, and eight pence. The property comprised sixty-five acres. The second owner was Henry Lane, who acquired the property in 1804. Mrs. William E. Hall inherited it in 1904 and upon her death the title passed to her surviving sisters, the present owners, in whose possession the property has remained since 1922.

Both of the early owners were patriots and served in the militia of the Revolutionary War.

Several alterations and additions have been made to the house. The original portion with its hand-hewn white oak timbers and white bevelled oak clapboards has been little changed. The cornice of the front is decorated with a jig saw ornament, a feature that is unusual for houses of this type. The original walls and ceilings of plaster on "hand-riven" oak lath still remain. There are several interesting interior features such as fireplace mantels, chair rails, and cupboards.

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Map showing Horse Neck Tract
made by Thomas Ball in 1764 in
the New Jersey Historical Society
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Joseph Cory Deed, Original in
New Jersey Historical Society
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Field Book and Drawings of
Survey

House was to be demolished in 1960. Was purchased
by Herbert E. Boeckel and moved to a nearby site.

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